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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Beginning in Fiscal Year 2022-2023, limits Transportation Trust Fund monies from being used to fund Dept. of Transportation and Development employees' and retirees' salaries and benefits.

Present constitution requires monies deposited in the Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) to be appropriated or dedicated solely and exclusively for costs associated with construction and maintenance of roads and bridges of the state and federal highway systems, the Statewide Flood-Control Program, ports, airports, transit, and the Parish Transportation Fund.

Present law provides for certain limitations on appropriations and utilization of the TTF.

Proposed law adds the following limitations to utilization of the fund by the Dept. of Transportation and Development (DOTD):

- (1) Beginning in FY 2022-2023, and each fiscal year thereafter, DOTD shall not use TTF monies to pay for the benefits of retired employees.
- (2) In FY 2023-2024, DOTD shall not use TTF monies to pay for more than 5/6 of the total amount of benefits and annual salary costs for current employees.
- (3) In FY 2024-2025, DOTD shall not use TTF monies to pay for more than 2/3 of the total amount of benefits and annual salary costs for current employees.
- (4) In FY 2025-2026, DOTD shall not use TTF monies to pay for more than 1/2 of the total amount of benefits and annual salary costs for current employees.
- (5) In FY 2026-2027, DOTD shall not use TTF monies to pay for more than 1/3 of the total amount of benefits and annual salary costs for current employees.
- (6) In FY 2027-2028, DOTD shall not use TTF monies to pay for more than 1/6 of the total amount of benefits and annual salary costs for current employees.
- (7) Beginning in FY 2028-2029, and each fiscal year thereafter, DOTD shall not use TTF monies to pay for any benefits and annual salary costs for current employees.

Proposed law adds an exception that the limitation does not apply if authorized in a general

appropriation bill.

(Adds R.S. 48:78(D))